## Colonel Edward D. Mason United States Army

Colonel Edward D. Mason received his commission as a Distinguished Military Graduate of the Kemper Military College ROTC Early Commissioning program in 1982 followed by a Bachelor's degree in Economics from the University of Florida in 1984 and a Master of Military Studies degree from the Marine Corps University in 1999. His professional military education includes the Adjutant General Officer Basic Course, the Adjutant General Officer Advanced Course, the Combined Arms Services Staff School, and the Marine Corps Command and Staff College.

Colonel Mason began active duty as a Regular Army officer with 176th Personnel Services Company, Bremerhaven, Germany. In 1989, he assumed command of Bravo Company (Bulldogs), 369th Adjutant General Battalion, Fort Jackson, South Carolina. In 1990, Colonel Mason served as Chief, Casualty Operations, 10th Personnel Command, for OPERATION DESERT STORM. Colonel Mason was reassigned to Germany in 1993 as Assistant Chief of Staff, Personnel, 37th Transportation Command, followed by Secretary General Staff, 21st Theater Army Area Command. In 1996, he departed Europe for Alexandria, Virginia, to serve as Chief, Plans and Operations Section, Enlisted Personnel Management Directorate, U.S. Army Personnel Command. From June 1999 through 2002, Colonel Mason commanded the Military Entrance Processing Station in Richmond, Virginia. In June 2002, he became G-1, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/U.S. Army Forces Strategic Command.

His most recent assignment was as Commander, 101st Soldier Support Battalion (Destiny Support) from June 2004 through November 2006, where he transformed the battalion, deployed it in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, and redeployed it to Fort Campbell, Kentucky, to complete its transformation. He is currently assigned as Director, Soldier Record Data Center, and Director, Wounded Soldier and Family Hotline, within The Adjutant General Directorate, U.S. Army Human Resources Command.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Army Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Meritorious Unit Commendation, the National Defense Service Medal with star device, the Southwest Asia Service Medal with three star devices, the Iraqi Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon with the numeral two, the Kuwait Liberation Medals, the Army Parachute Badge and the Army Air Assault Badge.

Colonel Mason is married to the former Christine Tillman, Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army, Retired, of Alma, MO.